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SUBJ: CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS IN VIENNA: CONVERSATION WITH ONAN

1. I HAD A LONG, USEFUL CONVERSATION WITH ONAN AND HIS
ENTIRE TURKISH CYPRIOT NEGOTIATING TEAM ON SATURDAY MORNING,
APRIL 2.

2. ONAN SAID HE HAD SPOKEN TO DENKTASH ON THE TELEPHONE
FRIDAY NIGHT FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE VIENNA TALKS HAD
BEGUN. DENKTASH SAID HE HAD NOT YET RECEIVED A COPY OF
THE GREEK CYPRIOT MAP BY POUCH, AND HAD ONLY PRESS ACCOUNTS
TO RELY ON IN RESPONDING TO "REQUESTS" FOR FURTHER
INSTRUCTIONS. NONETHELESS, ONAN SAID, DENKTASH HAD CONFIRMED
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TO HIM HIS PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS, DESIGNED TO INSURE
THAT THE TALKS CONTINUED INTO NEXT WEEK, AND THAT
SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION OF EACH OF THE KEY ISSUES
PROCEEDED SMOOTHLY. AT THE SAME TIME, DENKTASH
SPECIFICALLY HAD DECLINED TO AUTHORIZE ONAN TO PUT DOWN
A TURKISH CYPRIOT COUNTER-PROPOSAL, OR MAKE COMMENTS
SO SPECIFIC THAT THE GREEK CYPRIOTS WOULD KNOW EXACTLY

WHERE THE TURKS WANTED A FUTURE LINE DRAWN.

3. ONAN SAID HE THEREFORE INTERPRETED HIS INSTRUCTIONS TO MEAN THAT HIS DELEGATION COULD (A) PROBE THE GREEK CYPRIOTS TO FIND OUT WHAT HAD LED THEM TO DRAW THE LINES ON THEIR MAP WHERE THEY HAD, (B) EXPLAIN WHY THE GREEK CYPRIOT MAP FAILED TO MEET THE "CRITERIA" PREVIOUSLY ENUNCIATED BY THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS AND THE "FOUR PRINCIPLES" AGREED TO BY DENKTASH AND MAKARIOS TWO MONTHS AGO, AND (C) POINT OUT WHERE THE SUGGESTED LINES ON THE GREEK CYPRIOT MAP WERE INSUFFICIENT TO MEET TURKISH CYPRIOT SECURITY AND ECONOMIC REQUIREMENTS.

4. ONAN SAID HE HAD ALREADY MADE MANY OF THESE POINTS IN RATHER GENERAL TERMS ON FRIDAY, BUT WAS PREPARED TO DO SO AGAIN IN MORE EXPANSIVE FORM SATURDAY AFTERNOON AND NEXT WEEK. (IN FACT, LATER SATURDAY MORNING, ONAN ASKED WALDHEIM TO POSTPONE THE SATURDAY AFTERNOON MEETING.) WHEN I URGED ONAN TO MAKE HIS COMMENTS AS SPECIFIC AS POSSIBLE AND BREAK THEM DOWN AREA BY AREA, SO THE GREEKS COULD EMERGE WITH A GOOD IDEA OF HOW THE LINES MIGHT BE ALTERED, ONAN SAID HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO DO SO, SINCE THIS WAS FULLY IN KEEPING WITH HIS WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS.

5. ONAN AND MUNIR THEN GAVE ME A COPY OF TURKISH CYPRIOT CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSAL, AND SAID THEY WOULD WELCOME "INFORMAL" U.S. COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT. BOTH INSISTED THEIR PROPOSAL WAS OPEN TO DISCUSSION AND CHANGE, CONFIDENTIAL

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AND WAS MERELY BEING PUT FORWARD IN ITS PRESENT FORM IN THE HOPE OF STIMULATING A SENSIBLE DIALOGUE ON THE ISSUES WHICH HAD TO BE FACED IF A NEW, EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENTAL FRAMEWORK WAS TO BE DEVELOPED.

6. AT ONAN'S REQUEST, I AGREED TO SEE THE TURKISH CYPRIOT NEGOTIATING TEAM AGAIN ON MONDAY MORNING. IF THE DEPARTMENT DEEMS IT APPROPRIATE TO MAKE ANY COMMENTS ABOUT THE TURKISH CYPRIOT CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSALS, I COULD PASS THEM ALONG TO ONAN AT THAT TIME. MEEHAN

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